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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Application Number 09/751,934

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Filing Date 12/29/00  
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Examiner Name Susan Chen  
Attorney Docket Number RNOT.80303

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on:  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
  - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on:
  - iii. Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. Other.

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other:

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.
- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. Other:
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed). Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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